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Students who have taken more than one year of Spanish in High School, but have not yet taken a Spanish course at FSC, and students who speak Spanish at home, are required to take a **Spanish placement exam** if they wish to register for Beginning Spanish. The exam is offered on April 8 at 2:30 and April 13 at 1:30 in McKay C173.

Participate in the low-ropes course. This course is an activity for groups and organizations where teams must overcome obstacles together. Cross the poisonous pit of peanut butter. Climb the ten foot wall. If you're up to the challenge contact Rebecca Gill at x3162.

Teachers@work is a new electronic employment service for educators. Schools can search for potential teachers who fit specific criteria.

When a search criteria is specified, the database returns the resumes of only the qualified individuals that meet the criteria. This system allows potential teachers to find jobs more easily and allows employers to find qualified teachers more efficiently.

No word on whether FSC has or will use this system. Visit the official site at www.teachersatwork.com

Laureate Robert Pinsky, one of the most celebrated literary figures in America today, will deliver the **commencement address** at FSC's 102nd commencement exercise on Saturday, May 30.

Pinsky has garnered acclaim as America's finest living poet, but has also gained visibility as a critic, editor and translator.

Poet Robert Lowell said, "it is refreshing to find a poet who is intellectually interesting and technically first-rate."



Last week's glimpse of summer spawned volleyball, rollerblading, & picnicking

New bilingual education track at FSC

We all have heard of all the physical changes for the campus next year. However, there will be some additions in some of the departments too. In Fall 1998, the Education Department will be offering, for the first time since the college was founded, the Bilingual Elementary Education Major.

It all started two and a half years ago when professor Bill Strader, from the Early Childhood Education Program, the necessity to have a bilingual major here at the college.

In an informational meeting about the new major, held on March 12th, Dr. Strader told us how he started to seek for students interested in the program. "I went to every education classroom, asking people to raise their hands if they would like the program to become a major," he said.

According to Dr. Strader, the next step wasn't easy at all. It involved a process of

searching on the Internet through more than 79 teacher education programs in the United

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States. Finally, after two and a half years of preparation, the major was approved by the Office of education. "FSC has never offered

a bilingual program; it is new, so we are very excited about it," said Dr. Colbert, chair person of the Education Department.

The bilingual program will be primarily Spanish based, because of the number of Spanish-speaking people in this area. There will be 20 courses for the program, bilingual and advanced Spanish courses. "With this program, we want to make students aware of the language, and cultural diversity found in the classroom; and how they can teach those children," said Dr. Strader. People who already have a degree in education can come to FSC for their bilingual certification.

If there are further questions regarding this program, please feel free to stop by the Education Department at McKay Campus School.

- Niovel Nadira Hidalgo

Two campus police officers promoted to sergeant



The Fitchburg State College Police Department has recently promoted two patrolmen to the position of Sergeant.

Beginning last week, Ptl. Mike Marcil and Ptl. Shane Rodriguez started in the newly created positions.

The openings were created by using the money saved by changing the lieutenant's position to a patrolman. The job of lieutenant has been vacant since Daniel Schmitt retired this summer. Having two sergeants instead of one lieutenant gives the department two line supervisors that can help train officers and have more interaction with the public.

Chief McCullough said, "One issue that has been identified is that officers need to be able to see the light at the end of the tunnel. With only one lieutenant, captain, and chief it is hard to move up the line. It also gives the officers a sense of pride because we now look more like a regular police force."

Mike Marcil has been with the department for twelve years and Shane Rodriguez has been here for about two.

Shane Rodriguez said "Mike and I are very excited about this. It gives us a unique opportunity to get more training and bring it back to the department."

With these changes Public Safety now has eleven patrol officers and four supervisors; two sergeants, a captain and a chief. The department recently received a COPS-Grant from the Department of Justice and will be hiring an additional officer shortly.

- Matt Villamaino

Campus Center preps new programs

The Campus Center has been busily preparing two new programs for students: Ropes and The Adventure Center.

FSC has a low initiatives that has been kept secret for many years. Located near Elliot Field, the course includes elements such as a climbing wall, the nitro-crossing, trust fall, and various other elements. These elements, combined with fun games and getting-to-know-you initiatives make Ropes a rewarding program for any group of students.

Ropes teaches team work, trust, communication, and goal setting. The program is flexible and can be tailored to groups, individuals, and student clubs and organizations' needs.

Every group will leave the session with motivation, better communication skills, and higher mutual appreciation. If your group is interested in participating in Ropes, please see Lisa DuBose in the Campus Center office to discuss the program and various details.

Students who go home on the weekend no longer have to. The Adventure Center allows students to freely borrow equipment that may make their weekends a more interesting.

The center is located in the Ground Zero and sports various pieces of equipment such

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Residence life head seeks new challenges

On the day that everyone was preparing to board their plane, train, or automobile and head home for Spring Break, the campus was in a state of mass exodus. Students, professors, and faculty alike seemed eager to leave.

When I arrived at Donna DeJardins' office, affectionately called "Donna D", I stared at the blank shelves and walls of her once homey office, and could tell that she too would soon be leaving. Her absence, unlike those of the anxious vacationers, would be permanent.

DeJardins was the Assistant Head of the Residence Life Department; the person responsible for supervising the school's team of R.D.'s, as well as the direct liaison between Facilities and Res. Life.

In addition to her work in the residence halls, DeJardins played a major role in this year's student activities. She was instrumental in adding "Let's Make a Deal" to the school's original "the Price is Right" game, because students wanted the change. She worked with former Townhouse R.D. Chris Clarke in throwing the AIDS block party.

DeJardins took the initiative to assist Charles Ratto, Ron Leblanc, Joe Turner, and Nancy Romsel to get FSC's much-heralded "Living and Learning Centers" project off the ground.

DeJardins will soon begin work at Franklin Pierce College. This move will afford her the chance to move from a position of administration to one that will allow her to be more involved with students and academics. With regards to her new duties, DeJardins states that she is "very excited about the opportunity to work more directly and closely with students".

DeJardins leaves FSC with many fond memories. "I've had many wonderful experiences at this college.", she remarks in recollection. "I have worked with lots of folks who have high values and are very dedicated to the students."

As our interview came to an end I looked out the window, to see another student fleeing Aubuchon Hall as though it were on fire. As I packed my things and prepared to leave, DeJardins simply added "I will miss the students".

- Ken Gibbs

The skinny on the beedie

There is a new tobacco phenomenon on campus. Many students at FSC have recently made the switch from traditional cigarettes to beedies. At the same time, other students around campus who are unaware of this "new" style of cigarette have misconceptions about the tobacco product.

Beedies, or bidis, are a special blend of tobacco and herbs, hand wrapped in a tendu leaf and tied with string. Beedies, which many mistakenly refer to as "beenies" They are imported into the United States from India with the most popular brand being the Mangalore Ganesh 501. Beedies come in a variety of flavors including strawberry and mint.

Twenty-five beedies make up a cone, or pack, which is made of paper. There are

twenty cones per "brick" or carton. Each cone and brick is adorned with the Hindu deity Ganesha, the god of wisdom and prudence. Ganesha is represented as a short, pot-bellied man with four arms and an elephant's head bearing a single tusk.

Some rumors about beedies are that they are made of marijuana or have marijuana or other drugs in them. While this is not true, beedies do emit a smell similar to that of reefer. Those not familiar with beedies may confuse the two. Beedies are herbal cigarettes, and have no illegal substances in them. The average cost for a pack of beedies is \$2.00 per pack.

Editors note: As a form of tobacco product, beedies carry all of the same risks as cigarettes and can be addictive, lead to several types of lung cancer, and should not be used by those who are pregnant. The Point in no way endorses this product's use or distribution.

-Marc Ruprecht

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Announcements should be short, including dates, places, times and a contact person.

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Don't forget WXPL

Fitchburg State College has numerous organizations, some are more promoted and publicized than others. How do we find out about student activities and organizations? Posters and flyers in G-Lobby? Word of mouth? It seems that FSC may have many organizations but one seems go unnoticed, the school radio station - WXPL. This is an important part of the way that the school represents itself to the public. So why don't we hear about the station or its DJ's shows. It seems that what could be a fun and convenient way to promote FSC has turned into an unnoticed and "underground" organization. If you have never listened to the station try it, if you don't like it you can always switch to another station. This semester there are different shows that display a variety of tastes through the music that is played. The music ranges from hard rock/alternative to jazz/easy listening. All of the DJ's who host

these shows are energetic and seem to have a complete grasp on how to function on the air. Now of course, that doesn't mean that people don't get crazy at times and of course we have all experienced technical difficulties in some form or other. But the students that have decided to become DJ's work hard preparing for their shows and take pride in the fact that they can independently work in a radio station - live. It isn't all fun and games. All DJ's are responsible for keeping an even flow of music, public service announcements, and creating good usage of the radio station name and promoting all aspects of WXPL. For example, WXPL has a web page right now the station is holding a poll through the web site where people can vote for their favorite radio show. This is an interactive way that the station is promoting itself. Through the site you can information on anything from the DJ's names to descriptions of their shows



Photo by Haylie Cavanaugh

and show timeslots. The WXPL student board would like to start promoting the station and all ideas and feedback are welcome. As the brand new Public Relations Director, I want people to start listening and participating in WXPL. When I say participation I mean calling the request line 665-4848 stating your comments or requesting music that you

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SOCIAL DEVIANCE *From the Files of Public Safety*

Friday 3/27/98

2:10 p.m. North Street #2 Lot: EMERGENCY CALL BOX ACTIVATION.
3:15 p.m. Dupont Building: REQUEST FOR POLICE- Possible domestic violence situation.
5:07 p.m. North St. #1 Lot: REQUEST FOR POLICE- Youths disturbing.
7:55 Quad: MEDICAL CALL- First Aid administered.

Saturday 3/28/98

2:45 a.m. Aubuchon Hall: REQUEST FOR POLICE- Possible domestic violence call.
3:30 p.m. Pearl Street: ASSIST OTHER POLICE- Assisted FPD with motor vehicle accident with personal injury.
6:43 p.m. Ross St.: SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY- Investigated report of suspicious individual looking into vehicles.

11:27 p.m. Russell Towers: AMBULANCE CALL- Police and Ambulance dispatched.

Sunday 3/29/98

12:21 a.m. Thompson Stairs: REQUEST FOR POLICE- Skateboarders disturbing.
12:00 p.m. Thompson Hall: SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY- Investigated individual inside building.
12:10 p.m. Worcester House: REQUEST FOR POLICE- Reported fire hazard.

Monday 3/30/98

6:21 a.m. Herlihy: SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY- Investigated individual in secured building.
4:27 p.m. Ross St. Lot: MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT- Vehicle left scene. Under investigation.
10:39 p.m. Townhouse Lot: NOISE COMPLAINT- Auto Alarm sounding.

Tuesday 3/31/98

2:16 a.m. Clinton St: ASSIST OTHER

POLICE. Assisted FPD with suspicious individuals.

3:09 p.m. Eliot Field: REQUEST FOR POLICE- Bicycle on field.
2:20 p.m. Middlesex House: NOISE COMPLAINT- Loud music.
8:50 p.m. Townhouse Complex: REQUEST FOR POLICE- Solicitors in area.

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12:37 a.m. Townhouse Complex: NOISE COMPLAINT- Individuals spoken to.
1:15 a.m. Hammond: REQUEST FOR POLICE- Skateboarders disturbing.
1:42 a.m. Authority Drive: NOISE COMPLAINT- Police dispatched.
4:10 p.m. Miller Hall: LARCENY
6:12 p.m. Dupont: AMBULANCE CALL- Patriot Ambulance dispatched.
4:00 p.m. Hammond: REQUEST FOR POLICE- Skateboarders disturbing.
7:40 p.m. Civic Center: Suspicious Activity- Investigated individuals in vehicles.

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How do you feel about the Point



It's a good newspaper for being organized by students. There should be more sports, not just school related, but national.
-Brian Bates



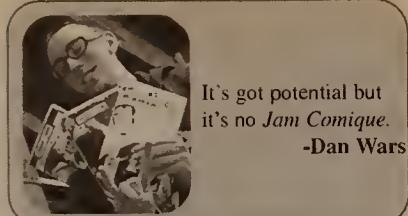
The *Point* makes me very happy.
-Random Boy



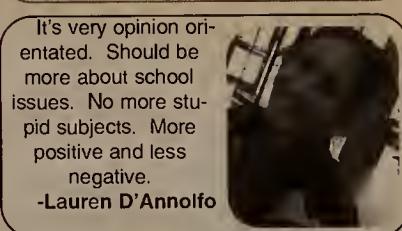
Never read it before.
-Bill Pellitier



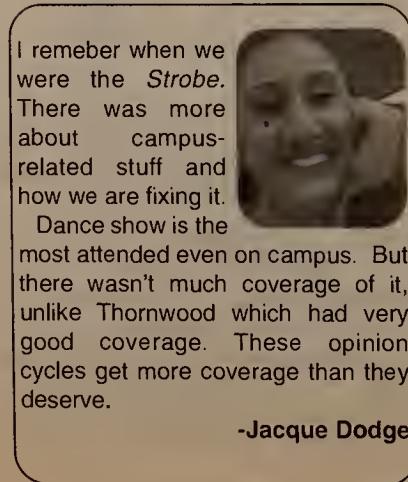
I just love always being in it.
-Lars Feliciano



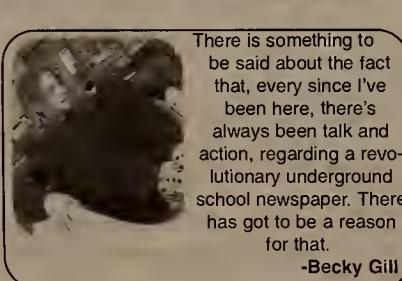
It's got potential but it's no *Jam Comique*.
-Dan Wars



It's very opinion orientated. Should be more about school issues. No more stupid subjects. More positive and less negative.
-Lauren D'Annolfo



I remember when we were the *Strobe*. There was more about campus-related stuff and how we are fixing it. Dance show is the most attended even on campus. But there wasn't much coverage of it, unlike Thornwood which had very good coverage. These opinion cycles get more coverage than they deserve.
-Jacque Dodge



There is something to be said about the fact that, every since I've been here, there's always been talk and action, regarding a revolutionary underground school newspaper. There has got to be a reason for that.
-Becky Gill

Think on this:
Are you satisfied with the schools phone service provider, ACC Telecom

Corruption plagues FSC's conduct board

Opinion by Timothy Curran

A student's personal affairs are deemed confidential and the board has no special right to gossip.

In English: if you are under 21 and you are friends with a member of the board, you get a slap on the wrist.

Is Fitchburg State's Conduct Board (a.k.a. Judicial Board) a playground of corruption? Most students would say "yes." Many people who have sat down in front of the board, as well as many people who have testified, claim that the board sponsors such acts as unfair decision making, violations against students' privacy, bias, and worst of all, favoritism.

Students who have seen this prestigious group in action report accounts of poor planning, decisions that are impartial due to their lack of attendance, and even reports of appeals being tossed out because of bias against the individual.

I sat down awhile ago with Ann Coyne and discussed one thing that the Conduct Board is infamous for, and that is their lack of attendance. There are nine official members: 7 students, 1 faculty member, and 1 member from administration. At any given moment, there are between three and eight members present. This problems creates poor judgment, as well as a bias against the individual on trial. They are then subjected to

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Letter to the Editor:

by Katie Brace

I would like to express my disappointment with this paper regarding the Sports Bits published in the April 1st edition. Although totally false and intended as an April Fool's joke, the last section regarding myself (as getting "kicked off" the track team) was not interpreted to be false by many people and as a result not found humorous by myself.

As a member of the paper and an aspiring journalist, I find this act incorrigible. Additionally, as an athlete and a member of this community who has striven for perfection, I find the notion of being kicked off the track team extremely harmful. There were no

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Living Single

The goods, bads, and the uglys

Opinion by Robin E. Sandburg

Being single. Let's face it. It's looked down on in society. Even at twenty, the goal in life is to find a great boyfriend or girlfriend, get married, and have children. I used to think that this was what I wanted. I used to hate being on my own. Though my goals have changed recently. I would like to believe that your twenties are the time in your life. A time to experience everything and do all you always wanted to do.

Before anyone becomes insulted, I have nothing against relationships. I have had both the serious one that last awhile, and I've dated. Having a significant other can be a wonderful thing. Though we seem to think lately that it's the only thing. Relationships can be draining. Anyone who has spent endless hours "working it out" knows what I mean. This takes up a lot of time many of us

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don't have because of school. Of course, for the select few of you out therewith "healthy" relationships it can be well worth it.

I have friends who haven't even reached twenty who are already thinking of marriage and children. This is a concept I have trouble understanding. They love watching wedding shows and drooling over baby clothes in stores. Now don't get me wrong, I love going to weddings and I adore babies. I also assume someday, emphasis on someday, to have both. If you have your whole life

planned out already, then maybe you're ready for this. I guess I have trouble understanding being so ready for life so soon.

Sometimes living single can be hard. Of course we all miss the company of a partner but it's not something to dwell on. Being single seems to be so hard for so many people to deal with and it shouldn't be. Being on your own, you can go wherever you want at anytime without a second thought and you don't have to explain where you've been.

One weekend my friend and I considered getting up and going to Montreal on the spur of the moment. Of course, we didn't go because we had no money. But the thing is we could have gone.

So to get back to the main point, if you are on your own, live it up. We are at a time in our life where endless possibilities are open to us. It's what life is meant for. Before you know it, the time for adventure has passed you by. So for all of you who may disagree with me, you have your own opinion. And while you are in your late twenties doing car pools, I'll still be busy being young.

Response to Back off Reggie White

Opinion by Emily Jordan

I find myself unable to allow Aaron Barrett's article "Back Off of Reggie White" to pass unscathed. The words of Mr. White's words however well-meaning, exhibited grave ignorance, taking one giant step backward. Barrett's support and justification of them was appalling.

On White's statement concerning homosexuality, there is still much question as to whether it is a decision, or if it has biological origins.

As for whites being "good at organizing business and tapping into money", first, I assure that there are many who are not. Second, would White's statement have been praised if "whites" was replaced with "Jews"?

Mr. White's comments about Hispanics sharing homes with "20-30" of their relatives is absolutely ludicrous. On White's belief that Japanese Asians (separate from Chinese, Korean, and all other Asian denominations) being able to turn televisions into watches", isn't the opposite far more impressive?

I was most confused on White's last point. It was originally quoted that "Indians are great at spirituality", but, in the following commentary was changed to "blacks". Which is it?

While I agree with White's idea that "we can all work together and use our strengths to enhance society", who's to decide solely on the basis of race what one's strengths are?

The idea that "certain races have strengths" independent of education and all other factors is ignorant and damaging, since it conversely implies that each has built-in faults.

We are almost in the year 2000 and still face problems of racism, hate crimes, ethnic cleansing and apartheid. People need to wake up and realize that race is a cultural heritage, a gene pool, a language, a source of identity. Race is not a personality, an I.Q., or any other determinant of competence or lack thereof.

Think before you speak. It takes only one person to create a stereotype. How many does it take to break one?

From the Editor's Desk

The Point allocates two pages of its weekly publication for student opinion. Therefore, editorial content herein is representative of student authors and not newspaper staff members.

The Point actively seeks important, interesting, and controversial subject matter. The staff does not discriminate based on opinion article content. A proper sampling of different view points is our goal. This section has been and will remain an important forum for student expression.

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Wild Things ***
Mandalay / Columbia

plot: A rich girl gets raped by a school counselor in an elite, high-society kind of town.

A surprisingly good movie - I went into this expecting a real dud... I mean, I'd heard rumors about full frontal nudity and all that jazz, but those things aside, the movie was really good. (I wouldn't kid you.)

Neve Campbell (Susie Toller) is always a disappointment. The show, *Party of Five*, was one thing - she's great there. But once she started branching out, the world discovered that her acting talent is very, very narrow. She plays the same girl over and over, script after script, with that little head tilt and annoying 'um...' thing. At first I thought it was brilliant, but it's kindof old hat now. I didn't particularly like her getup in this movie - parts of her character were deep, but for the most part she's filling a stereotype.

Kevin Bacon was alright (as Mr. Doucette). I didn't like his acting at first, but I got into it eventually. :)

Matt Dillon lost a bit of weight, which is always a good thing. I just don't like those big, muscular men. He looks good - like he's taken up jogging lately. I met a guy in a bar about a month ago - looks exactly like him. Pretty weird, I tell you. Anyway, it's good to see Mr. Dillon in a widely-viewed movie for a change. He hasn't exactly been in the spotlight lately, but does a good job in his role as Sam Lombardo.

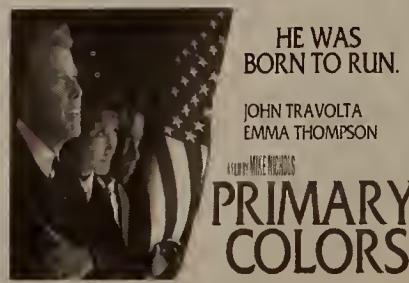
Bill Murray plays a limited role here - not up to par with his usual comedy.

Theresa Russell stars as Kelly van Ryan - this is the naked one. Not a terrific performance, here, but all the good actresses would have wanted a lot of money to take it off.

Man, I tell you, this movie is something

else. Somebody told me about Kevin Bacon's 'part' before I saw it, but knowing about it almost made the movie more intriguing - I couldn't possibly figure out how the storyline was going to get there.

Directed by John McNaughton, the film has some good camera shots and a great plot, but the overall acting talent (or lack thereof) brings the caliber of the film down a notch.



Primary Colors ***½
Universal / Mutual Film Co.

plot: Follows the progress of a governor in the attempt to get elected president.

You people saw *Independence Day*, right? One of the worst movies I've ever seen - what a sickening display of patriotism, idolization, or some kind of hero worship, of the US president - man, it made me SICK. I was FURIOUS! I went into this movie expecting another bullshit, 'the president is a god on earth'-type of thing. But I was wrong.

The story brought tears to my eyes. It totally brought the presidency to a human level. It was great. I've never been a fan of politics. I have a great deal of respect for whoever wrote the novel that inspired this movie, although the huge letters on the screen proclaiming 'BASED ON THE NOVEL BY ANONYMOUS' seemed a bit stupid and ridiculous. John Travolta and Emma Thompson are obviously cut out to represent Bill and his wife.

John Travolta does a fabulous job as Governor Jack Stanton - perfect for this role, you know? The cast of characters is a talented one in this film, with Emma Thompson (Susan Stanton), Kathy Bates (Libby), and Billy Bob Thornton, among others. The movie is a good one - die-hard patriots might get mad at the realism of the whole thing, but everyone else will appreciate the fact that there's no White House spin involved this time.

-Sarah Adams

Cinema World

Titanic (PG-13)
1:30, 7:30

Good Will Hunting (R)
1,7,9:40

Species 2 (R)
1:15,3:45,7:30, 9:45

City of Angels (PG-13)
12:45,3:45,7:15,9:45

Lost in Space (PG-13)
12:45,3:30,7,9:40

My Giant (PG)
1,3:30,7,9:15

Odd Couple (PG-13)
1,3:30, 6:45,9

• **Mercury Rising** (R)
3:30,7:15,9:40

Greece (PG)
1:15,3:45,7,9:30

Primary Colors (R)
12:45,6:45

Wild Things (R)
3:45,9:30

Barney (G)
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-Christina Graelone



DJ Christina Graelone

◀5Continued Conduct board

an unfair punishment because members just decided they felt it not necessary to show up.

A more serious act of corruption the board is infamous for is its violation of privacy. When applicants for the board are screened, certain ethical standards are looked for amongst the candidates such as fairness, honesty, and academics. Yet members of the board have been known in the past to discuss hearings and decisions to people outside the system. Shouldn't matters discussed behind closed doors stay confidential? Bragging to your roommate about how you threw the book at someone is a serious offense. Members will sometimes go back and chat about what just happened to his or her suite mates. I know, I've heard it. A student's personal affairs are deemed confidential and the board has no special right to gossip.

Anne Coyne claims that the board's duty is to uphold statutes that are presented in the handbook, but on page 115, it reads "Fitchburg State College enforces all state laws and city ordinances regarding the pos-

session, use and sale of alcoholic beverages including those prohibiting drinking by individuals under 21 years of age." In English: if you are under 21 and you are friends with a member of the board, you get a slap on the wrist.

Basically, the key word here is favoritism. Favoritism between members and their friends. It seems the Conduct Board's policy is less concerned with rules and regulations, and more with if you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours.

For example, at the beginning of the year I heard a story that puzzled me. An individual, who will remain nameless, was caught smoking a joint in his room not once, not twice, but three times. What's funny about this incident is that the person in question was cleared of all charges by the Judicial Board. Why? Because this individual was a football player and, what a coincidence, there are members on the board who are football players. You don't think?

The board claims to uphold the laws concerning drugs on campus, yet they let people get away scot free because they play football. So I guess Fitchburg State supports drug

use for its athletes.

People should be responsible for their actions here on campus, and keep activities within the handbook's regulations, but if you are on the board or have connections to it, you are above the system.

I have come to believe many RD's and other campus officials are aware of such acts of corruption because they have attended meetings. But then why don't they do anything about it? Many faculty members are probably aware of such violations conducted by the board, but probably ignore it.

I think that President Riccards should review the outcome of some of the board's decisions and improve on fairness, members letting their friends walk, and tossing out appeals because of member's laziness.

Such behavior is ludicrous, and makes me feel proud of the fact that I belong to an institution where the people who sometimes decide whether you get kicked off campus or pay fines are the same people who are abusing their power and taking a half-ass approach to serious situations just because it looks good on their resume.

WXPL show times**MONDAYS**

9 am - 12 pm "The Grizzled Effect" hosted by Shawn and Jay
12 pm - 2 pm "Jazz On The Rocks With A Squeeze Of Swing" hosted by Dominic Carden
2 pm - 4 pm "Blues With Attitude" hosted by Smokin' Mo King
4 pm - 6 pm Untitled, hosted by Erin
6 pm - 8 pm Untitled, hosted by Mandi and Julia
8 pm - 10 pm "Death by Jazz" hosted by Dan Roth
10 pm - 12 am "The X-Factor Digital Dance Party" hosted by Smokin' Mo King
12 am - 2 am "The Insomniacs" Hosted by Jason and Chris

TUESDAY

9 am - 12 pm "Daybreak" hosted by DJ Dickie
12 pm - 2 pm Untitled, hosted by Scott Rosenburg
2 pm - 4 pm "Sugarhigh" hosted by Erin Doremus
4 pm - 6 pm "Fat Man In The Bathtub" hosted by Jay and KP
6 pm - 8 pm Untitled, hosted by Ken Sears and Eric Cyr
8 pm - 12 am "The G-Spot" hosted by Greg Pepin and Greg Wasan
12 am - 2 am "Soul Food" hosted by Kool Aid and Zonicman
2 am - 4 am "Vic Rattle-Head Radio" hosted by Stephen DiScipio

WEDNESDAY

2 pm - 4 pm Untitled, hosted by Gilbert Santiago and Brian Johnson
4 pm - 6 pm "Fish Away" hosted by Jess McGowen
6 pm - 8 pm "Skalastrophel" hosted by Sheri Emerson

8 pm - 10 pm "Buck Naked With A Spatula" hosted by Andy Guthrie
10 pm - 12 am "The Marc and Justin Show" hosted by Marc and Justin
12 am - 2 am "Til 2" Hosted by DJ K

THURSDAY

9 am - 12 pm Untitled, Faculty slot hosted by Thomas Murray
12 pm - 2 pm Untitled hosted by Jason Beauchamp
2 pm - 4 pm "Sugarhigh" hosted by Erin Doremus
4 pm - 6 pm "Flashback" hosted by Kris Wagner
6 pm - 8 pm "The XPL Lounge" hosted by Z.S. Floyd and Lady Lisa
8 pm - 10 pm "The Void" hosted by DJ Nate
10 pm - 12 am "Transitions" hosted by Shéri
12 am - 2 am "The Insomniacs" hosted by Jason and Chris
2 am - 4 am "Vic Rattle-Head Radio" hosted by Stephen DiScipio

FRIDAY

9 am - 12 pm "Weekend Warm-Up" hosted by Jim and Harry
12 pm - 2 pm "The LiliPad" hosted by Nina G.
2 pm - 4 pm "Inner Groove" hosted by Jess and Jill
4 pm - 6 pm "The Corn Pop XPLosion" hosted by Carrie Bowser
6 pm - 8 pm "The Mustard Seed" hosted by April Brown and Becky Morse
8 pm - 10 pm "The Bottom Line" hosted by Eric and Chris
10 pm - 2 am "Nauna's Dinner" hosted by Shawn Palmi and Ian Murray

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as canoes (and accessories), tents, cross-country skis, and snow shoes. Other more common sporting equipment like tennis, racquetball, basketball, football, and others are available too.

Many fun weekend opportunities exist through the Adventure Center. Information of places to camp, hike, canoe, etc. is available in Ground Zero.

The Adventure Center is currently sponsoring an Outdoor Recreation Expo to be held in late April.

Direct questions or comments to Adventure Center Student Manager Rebecca Gill through campus mail or the Campus Center.

-Rebecca Gill



The career fair attracted hundreds of students and employers. Thank you to Career Services for organizing this important event

FSC Students Are Being Ripped Off

Promises, Promises, Promises

The students at FSC have been promised lots of things over the last few years, one of them being the \$2.9 million dollar integrated voice, cable, and data network. As everyone on campus knows the adjustment period for bringing these services online, was long and arduous. What most students do not know is that we are being shortchanged. Every student on campus paid \$250 for these services and while students receive the majority of these services they are not receiving a fully working data network. Students were enticed to living on campus with the promise of unlimited access to the Internet, that promise has yet to be fulfilled.

FSC has been experiencing a number of firewall related problems since its implementation in August 1997. The Schools MIS department was made aware of these problems the third week of August 1997. The problem was known to the company (Praxis) contracted to install the firewall. Hence, the company knew that the Firewall (software program called Raptor made by Axent Technologies) was unable to pass UDP packets.

UDP packets are very similar to TCP/IP packets, which are the packets that drive the web. UDP packets have been around for several years, but have only recently become popular for such things as video conferencing, online gaming, ICQ. 400 software programs use this technology.

A student on campus researched the problem. After several months of extensive research and finding possible solutions, a working solution was found. The solution would be to set up a Socks5 Proxy Server. The solution is absolutely FREE to implement. The solution was tested and proven to work. The schools MIS dept. has chosen to ignore this solution. The rationale behind ignoring this solution, they are waiting for a new release of the firewall to be released from Axent Technologies. There is no guarantee that the new software will solve FSC's firewall problem.

Therefore, before we have wasted an entire school year, waiting for software that may or may not be released this school year, please contact the members of the MIS dept. responsible for this decision.

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While not directly responsible, President Riccards has stated that he likes to know student's opinions.

President Michael Riccards mriccards@fsc.edu

If you would like to read more about this problem and other on going problems with our broken \$2.9 million network. Look up <http://falcon.fsc.edu/~mmooney/firewall.html>

This ad was paid for by the students who demand unrestricted Internet access

Sports

ERA.

The team registered its first win against Worcester State since 1988, winning the second game of a double header 4-3, after losing the first game 5-4.

Baseball (2-11, overall; 1-3, MAS-CAC)

It was another tough week for the baseball team, going 1-3 last week, with the only victory coming against Salem State College in a 3-2 victory.

Dan Verdier leads the way with a .400 average, 2 home runs and 12 RBI's. Scott Marchand has a .357 average while Chad Garner has a .319 average.

Catcher Jeff McHugh has thrown out 14 would be stolen-bases this year.

Jim Ingram went 7 for 13 (.538) on the week with 4 RBI's and 2 doubles. Ingram drove in the game-winning run in the 6th inning against Salem State.

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clear markings noting that the piece was untrue. It was also the only piece in the paper that targeted a person directly. It even included a made-up quote. These attributions contributed to the appearance of validity, of the article.

It is a newspaper's job to serve its readership and present accurate information. I believe the paper acted irresponsibly and failed to fulfill the qualifications of what would otherwise be an ethical publication. The joke was unprofessional and ignored the power of the print medium. I hereby resign as copy editor for The Point as the paper has neglected to demonstrate any sense of integrity.

-Katie Brace

Athlete of the week

Bonnie MacDonald

Sophomore Bonnie MacDonald hit a .444 average by going 8 for 18 last week as the team went 3-4. She had 4 RBI's, 4 doubles and a triple. Bonnie drove in the game winning run against Worcester State College.



photos by Dave marsh

Twas the night before Spring Break and all through the school

The softball team was planning all the rules.

Coaches Lisa and Lori and Nancy an Jo Got the team together and off to Florida they go.

Although playing softball was lots of fun,

What they really wanted was to lay in the sun.

What happened instead was lots of rain;

But there were no tornadoes, so you can't complain.

The games were all great, a win here and there,

And the balls went flying, into the air.

With Wendy at the mound and Tara at the plate,

The team's defense was really great.

And Brandy and Bonnie and Kimmy and Nance,

They all stood at the plate in their own stance.

Kerry and Mel and Kelly stood tall,

All waiting in the outfield to catch the ball.

While Jen and Marie and Brandy are hitting,

Diane's in the dugout doing her knitting.

Now it's time at bat for our dear F.S.C.

They hit! They steal! They run! They slide!

While coach Lisa is signaling off to the side.

"Sir," she says to the man in blue,

"Could you please explain, 'cause I disagree with you."

He gives her a look as he tries to explain,

And thinks to himself, "She really knows the game."

Decisions are made, and the team plays on,

Hoping to win before they're gone.

Back to their rooms, when the games are done,

To go out on the town and to have lots of fun.

And, now the week is over, and we'll pack for our flight.

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Night.

-Love Mrs. Creemer, Mrs. Herrick and Kathy

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Sports|bits

Track

At the Fitchburg State College Co-ed Invitational, Senior Katie Brace won the 400 and 200 meter to help lead the FSC women to a team victory. Brace also ran in the 4x100m relay along with Maryann Barrett, Stacy Barrett and Cheryl Briggs with a time of 53.84.

Stacy Barrett came in second for the Javelin with a distance of 104'9. Annmarie Campo finished 3/10 of a second behind first place with a time of 74.3 in the 400 meter hurdle.

The men finished second behind Keene State at the Co-ed Invitational. Jude Joujoute finished second (19'5) while Jim Darcangelo was right behind him finishing third (19'4).

Jim Darcangelo came in first for the men's javelin with a distance of 176'8.. In the 100 meter relay Jason Bramble(11.58), Dandra Freeman(11.60) and Joujoute(11.65) finished 1-2-3, respectively.

Softball (7-10, overall; 1-3, MASCAC)

After going 4-6 in Florida, the team went 3-4 last week. A strong week from Bonnie MacDonald(.413 average) and Keri Levesque(.400) were noticeable. MacDonald, Levesque and Kim Nolan each average .6 runs scored per game, while Tara Herrick leads the team with 12 RBI's. Nolan and Brandy LeBlanc lead the team in stolen bases, with 10 and 8 respectively.

Pitcher Wendy Keegan has a 6-9 record and a respectable 3.81

Effort is the key to softball season

For the past three years, the Fitchburg State College softball team has had their fair share of bad luck, and this year is no different. With two years as head coach under her belt, Lisa-Ann Wallace is in for another year of adjustments.

The FSC Lady Falcons lost two captains and six players. With seven returning players and six newcomers, the FSC softball team hopes to improve on last season's record of 11 - 16.

The heart of this year's team lies in the pair of senior captains, Kimmy Nolan and Melanie Creamer.

Nolan tops the FSC all-time list for the stolen bases record with 64. She returns for the fourth year as the starting shortstop and leads the team, batting .292 last year. Creamer returns as the starting centerfielder, leading the team's fielding percentage with .966. She batted in 18 runs last year and is third on the FSC all-time list for RBI's with 46.

Tara Herrick returns for her second season as captain and starting catcher. Herrick finished last season with a .284 batting average driving in 14 RBI's.

Of the remaining veterans, Wendy Keegan will return for her second year as the starting pitcher. Bonnie MacDonald will remain at second base. Brandy LeBlanc will fill in at right field and Jill Remick just signed on to the team to play her third year.

With six new faces in the dugout, this year's team has faced some obstacles. Wallace said, "I believe strength comes from adjusting to difficult situations. This team has done just that. New leaders have emerged and accepted the title with open arms. I am

impressed with the maturity of these young players."

Among the new faces are five freshman who each hold important roles for the team. Keri Levesque and Kelly Sheehan will patrol the outfield, along with veteran Mel Creamer. Marie Norberg will back up for first base and Diane Catrambone will be back up in right field. Nancy LeBlanc will command the first base position.

"They have been thrown into the fire early. Their contributions have been great thus far, and will continue if they adhere to my philosophy of giving 100% . . . 100% of the time," said Wallace.

For the second year, the FSC softball team traveled down to Pensacola, Fla. For pre-season action. They played 10 games and returned from spring break 4 - 6. This is an improvement on last year's mark of 0 - 9. Senior captain and shortstop Kimmy Nolan said, "We went to Pensacola as 13 individual players, we came back as a team. We practiced together for less than one month in the gymnasium, and had never set foot on the field together. This team has a lot of heart. We have come a long way."

Wallace believes the team can build on the success of the trip to Florida. "The thirteen ball players now believe that they are a good softball team. When we step onto the field they can defeat each team on the schedule as long as they give 100% both physically and mentally each game," said Wallace. "This year I expect a 28 - 0 season. If you train towards perfection, and be shocked by anything less, then you have prepared your team to always give 100%."

-Melanie Creamer

In the April 1st issue of the Point, several false stories appeared in our Sports Bits section. Many people misconceived these stories as fact. Here are the corrections for last weeks stories:

- The baseball team did not win 27 straight games during Spring break week.
- The Football team will not be starting a second season at the Division I level this year.
- The girls softball team will not be playing with wiffle balls during this season.
- Katie Brace was not kicked off the track team due to her extensive newspaper coverage.

The Point apologizes to the individuals who believed these stories, and to those who were affected by others who believed these stories.

A special apology goes out to Katie Brace and the Athletic department. The Point should not have used Katie's name for the story without her consent. The staff solemnly apologizes for all inconveniences.